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1. The Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield was observed from its eastern edge on 7 January 1951. The visibility was about 800 meters and it rained occasionally. Six jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. They were and only their cockpits, air intake, and exhaust apertures were covered with tarpaulins. * A dark canvas lay under the tail of each plane.
2. About 12 to 15 jet fighters with swept wings and 25 to 30 aircraft of an undetermined type were parked in one row in front of the destroyed hangars on the northern edge of the field. All these planes were covered with tarpaulins. ** Two single-engine biplanes and one jet fighter with swept wings covered with tarpaulins were standing in front of the row of parked planes. There was no flying at the field on 7 January. Many soldiers on foot were seen between Finow and the airfield.
3. Several trucks, one of which was a radio truck with three antennae, were seen behind the six jet fighters mentioned. The makeshift buildings at this parking site were replaced by one wooden temporary building which was approximately 10x15 meters. A power line led from the administration building of the field to this temporary building. Truck was parked in front of the Finow guardhouse.
4. The radio installation with four masts, formerly near the Finowfurth (N 53/V 98) estate, was not set up. A dugout with a projecting stove-pipe was south of the estate.

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* Comment. To date, a total of 28 red and 22 black aircraft have been observed on Mig-15s in Finow. Therefore it is certain that a minimum of 50 Mig-15s are stationed at the Finow airfield.

** Comment. The unidentified aircraft are probably Mig-15s. It is improbable that they are conventional fighters. Two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed in Finow.

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